

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kelly Flynn, on March 23, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 623, 3/21/2017  
Executive Action: HB 565, HB 623

**HEARING ON HB 623**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:39 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 623, Revise hunting license laws related to bonus points.

**EXHIBIT(fih60a01)**

00:02:34 Rep. Price joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:19 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:03:42 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy joined the meeting

00:05:12 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

**EXHIBIT(fih60a02)**

00:11:21 Bret Todd, Self

00:16:35 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:18:21 Hank Warsech, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:42 Rep. Welch

00:20:23 Rep. White

00:21:42 Rep. Loge

00:22:37 Hank Warsech, FWP

00:22:46 Rep. Vinton

00:23:22 Hank Warsech, FWP

00:23:39 Rep. Vinton

00:23:55 Rep. White

00:24:59 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:25:32 Chair Flynn

00:25:39 Hope Stockwell, LSD

00:25:55 Hank Warsech, FWP

00:26:23 Rep. B. Brown

00:26:49 Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting

00:26:57 Hank Warsech, FWP

00:27:15 Chair Flynn

00:28:26 Hank Warsech, FWP

00:28:37 Hope Stockwell, LSD

00:29:08 Rep. Price

00:29:23 Hope Stockwell, LSD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:30:17 Rep. White

00:31:41 Recessed

00:52:46 Reconvened with Rep. Court Present and Rep. Vinton Excused

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 568**

00:52:48 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 568 DO PASS.**

00:53:17 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 568 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fih60a03)**

**Discussion:**

00:53:35 Hope Stockwell, LSD

00:54:14 Rep. White

00:54:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

00:55:22 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 568 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:55:35 Rep. Jacobson

00:56:09 Rep. White

00:56:12 Rep. M. Regier joined the meeting

00:57:13 Rep. Shaw joined the meeting

00:58:13 Chair Flynn

00:59:46 Rep. Court

01:00:57 Rep. Rosendale

01:01:14 Rep. Kipp III

01:02:24 Rep. B. Brown

01:03:32 Chair Flynn

**EXHIBIT(fih60a04)**

01:03:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Kipp, Rep. Price, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting no. Rep. Z. Brown and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 623**

01:05:08 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 623 DO PASS.**

01:05:21 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 623 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fih60a05)**

**Discussion:**

01:05:46 Hope Stockwell, LSD

01:06:37 Rep. White

01:07:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Z. Brown and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

01:07:30 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 623 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:07:40 Rep. White  
01:08:23 Rep. Jacobson  
01:09:42 Rep. White  
01:10:27 Rep. Welch  
01:10:57 Hank Worsch, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
01:11:14 Chair Flynn  
01:11:26 Rep. Loge  
01:12:09 Rep. C. Knudsen  
01:12:27 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
  
01:13:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Court and Rep. Kipp voting no. Rep. Z. Brown and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:15:08

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fih60aad.pdf](#))